THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An amount of Rs. 5,39,945/- was reported to have been stolen from two cash boxes on 2.4.1990. An amount of Rs. 4,78,630/- inclusive of Rs. 20,000/- in kind has since been recovered. 4 persons inclusive of 3 Railway Officials have been taken into police custody.

Problem of drinking water in villages of Andhra Pradesh

218. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Andhra Pradesh facing drinking water problem as on date; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to provide drinking water in these villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) All the problem villages in Andhra Pradesh have been covered partially or fully with safe drinking water facilities.

(b) Schemes for partial to full coverage of villages with safe drinking water facilities are taken up under the State Sector Minimum Needs (Programme (MNP), Centrally Sponsored, Accelerated. Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP), Sub Missions and Mini Mission Project Areas under National Drinking Water Mission. About 800 villages will be covered as per action plan for 1990-91. During 1990-91, Rs. 23.01 crores and Rs. 4.76 crores have been allocated to the State Government under ARWSP and for Mini Mission Project Area districts respectively in addition to a provision of Rs. 29.50 crores under M.N.P.

Introduction of passenger trains between Bhadrachalam-Manuguru and Guntur-Macherla

219. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to introduce two passenger trains between Bhadrachalam-Manuguru and Guntur-Macherla stations on broad-gauge in South Central Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when these trains are likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) One pair of passenger trains is proposed to be introduced shortly between Bhadrachalam Road and Manuguru. Two pairs of passengers trains between Guntur and Macherla have been introduced with effect from 1.5.1990.

220. [*Transferred to the 14th May, 1990.*]

Diversion of subsidy on fertilizers

221. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering diversion of subsidy given on fertilizers as a measure of strengthening agricultural infrastructure; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) what is the target of food-grains production fixed for 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Suggestions have been received that a part of the subsidy on fertiliser prices, given to manufacturers, may be utilised for st-